

**Article 5: Fire Protection and Prevention**

**Division 1: Adoption of the California Fire Code (2001 Edition)**

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repealed 1–8–1996 by O–18242 N.S.)  
 (“Adoption of the Uniform Fire Code (1994 Edition)”  
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 (Retitled to “Adoption of the California Fire Code (1998 Edition)”  
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 on 7-19-1999 by O-18659 N.S.)*

**§55.0101 Adoption of the California Fire Code (2001 Edition) Purpose and Intent, and Administrative Provisions**

- (a) Portions of California Fire Code (2001 Edition) adopted. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the California Fire Code (2001 Edition), including appendices, is hereby adopted. A copy of the California Fire Code (2001 Edition), is on file in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. OO-769841. The California Fire Code (2001 Edition), is referred to in this Article as “C.F.C. (2001 Edition).” The California Fire Code Standards (2001 Edition), is hereby adopted and is to be used in conjunction with the C.F.C. (2001 Edition). A copy of the California Fire Code Standards (2001 Edition), is on file in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. OO-18659, and may be cited in this Article as “C.F.C. Standards (2001 Edition).”
- (b) San Diego Fire Code. The document known as the San Diego Fire Code consists of the following documents:
  - (1) Those portions of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition), adopted by the City in section 55.0101 with changes as specified in this Article.
  - (2) C.F.C. Standards (2001 Edition).
  - (3) Sections 55.0101 through 55.9105 of Chapter V, Article 5, of the San Diego Municipal Code.
  - (4) Applicable sections of the California Code of Regulations.
- (c) Relationship of San Diego Municipal Code section numbers to C.F.C. (2001 Edition) section numbers. Sections within the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) retain those same section numbers when referred to within the text of the San Diego Municipal Code. Thus, Section 901 of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) will be cited as “C.F.C. 901 (2001 Edition)” within the text of the San Diego Municipal Code.

Where a section of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) is adopted with changes, it is promulgated within the Municipal Code by using a numbering system to reflect both the Municipal Code numbering system and the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) numbering system. For example, section 901 of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) is adopted with changes in San Diego Municipal Code section 55.0901. The first two digits to the left of the first decimal point are the chapter and article number of the San Diego Municipal Code. The two digits to the right of the first decimal point represent the Municipal Code's division number. The last four digits reflect the numbering system of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition). A zero (0) after the decimal point is a filler to accommodate the San Diego Municipal Code numbering system and is added when the section number in C.F.C. (2001 Edition) is less than four digits.

The Municipal Code numbering system reflects the numbering system of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) excluding the chapter and article numbers to the left of the decimal point and when appropriate, the utilization of a filler zero (0). Consequently, with these modifications, the numbering in the San Diego Municipal Code sections 55.0101 through 55.9105 corresponds with the numbering system change in the C.F.C. (2001 Edition)

- (d) Definitions. Whenever the following terms appear within the text of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition), they have the following definitions:

*Chief* means the Fire Chief.

*Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau* means the Fire Marshal of The City of San Diego.

*Corporation Counsel* means the City Attorney.

*Municipality or jurisdiction* means The City of San Diego.

- (e) Prospective and Retrospective Application. Unless specifically stating that they may be applied prospectively only, provisions of the San Diego Fire Code may be retrospectively applied in accordance with C.F.C. section 102 (2001 Edition).
- (f) Effective Date. Unless otherwise stated in a specific San Diego Municipal Code section or C.F.C. (2001 Edition) section adopted by the City, the effective date of the San Diego Fire Code shall be August 19, 1999.
- (g) Reference to California Building Code. Any reference within the San Diego Fire Code to the "C.B.C." shall refer to those provisions of the California Building Code as adopted by Chapter IX of the San Diego Municipal Code.

- (h) Portions of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) not adopted. The following sections of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) are not adopted:

APPENDIX I-A  
APPENDIX I-B  
APPENDIX II-E  
APPENDIX VI-C  
103.1.4  
901.4.3  
902.2.2.1  
903.2  
2501.10.4  
2501.18  
7701.4  
7802.4.3  
7802.4.4.2  
Table 81-A  
Table 81-B

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**§55.0103 General**

103.1.1 Technical Assistance through 103.1.3 Practical Difficulties. Sections 103.1.1 through 103.1.3 of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) have been adopted without change pursuant to section 55.0101(a).

103.1.4 Appeals. When a question involving the interpretation of the intent and purpose of any provisions of the San Diego Fire Code or the suitability of alternate materials and types of construction is presented to the Fire Chief, the Fire Chief may request the Board of Appeals and Advisors to investigate such matters under the procedures established in section 91.0204 of the San Diego Municipal Code regarding building inspection. The request for Board action may come from any citizen that is affected by the San Diego Fire Code.

103.1.5 Appendix through 103.4.6 Appeals. Sections 103.1.5 through 103.4.6 of the C.F.C. (2001 Edition) have been adopted without change pursuant to section 55.0101(a).  
*(Amended 9-24-2002 by O-19103 N.S.)*